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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD TO ENHANCE AN IMMUNE  
RESPONSE OF NUCLEIC ACID  
VACCINATION

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Examiner: Shin-Lin Chen, Ph.D.

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1632**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 9 March 2009, time for response to which was set to expire 9 June 2009. All of the pending claims were rejected and the rejection was made final. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Office action and expedited processing is respectfully requested.

Applicants greatly appreciate the courtesy and consideration extended their undersigned representative by Examiner Chen. The discussion at the interview was most helpful. Applicants

further appreciate the acknowledgement that there is at least some reason to consider allowance of the present claims.

Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and to the discussion at the interview, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosures:

1. Exhibit A: Summary of Secondary document disclosures
2. Decision in *In re Jones*, 958 F2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992)
3. Decision in *In re Wesslau*, 353 F2d 238, 147 USPQ 391 (CCPA 1965)